

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, For over 60 years, Dr. Margaret Taylor Goss
3 Burrough has been completely dedicated to the creative arts,
4 international culture and to African-American history and
5 traditions; and

6 WHEREAS, Although Dr. Burrough was born in St. Rose
7 Louisiana, she moved to Chicago with her parents and sisters
8 when she was only 4 years old; after graduating from what was
9 then Chicago Teachers College, now known as Chicago State
10 University, she attended the Art Institute of Chicago, where
11 she received both a Bachelors and Masters of Art Education;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, As an art educator, Dr. Burrough taught in
14 Chicago Public Schools, including DuSable High School and at
15 various colleges including Kennedy-King City College; she
16 also studied at Columbia University in New York and the
17 Institute of Painting and Sculpture in Mexico City; she was a
18 guest member of the famous Graphic Artist Workshop, conducted
19 by Leopold Mendez in Mexico City; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Burrough is the Principal Founder of the
21 DuSable Museums of African-American history in Chicago, which
22 is the first black museum in the United States; and

23 WHEREAS, In the world of visual arts, Dr. Burrough is a
24 printmaker, oil painter, sculptress, and pen and ink artist;
25 her work has been exhibited in galleries, art fairs,
26 exhibitions, colleges, and universities in the United States,
27 Mexico, Poland, Germany, China, and Russia; and

28 WHEREAS, Dr. Burrough envisioned an organization devoted
29 to the growth and stimulation of art for Black people; in
30 1939, she was one of the founders of the South Side Community
31 Art Center which introduced sculptor Richard Hunt;

1 photographer and author, Gordon Parks; and featured the works
2 of Archibald Motley, Charles White, and poet Gwendolyn
3 Brooks; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1947, Dr. Burrough's writing talents emerged
5 when she published "Jasper, the Drummin' Boy"; other
6 published articles she has written include, "His Name was
7 DuSable and He was the First" and "What Shall I Tell My
8 Children Who Are Black?"; they have been translated into
9 African languages, Russian, Chinese, Arabic, and Spanish; her
10 articles on art, culture, and history have been published in
11 journals such as Freedomways, The Chicago School Journal, and
12 in Time magazine; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Burrough has been recognized by universities
14 and cultural organizations worldwide and is the recipient of
15 six honorary degrees, and over sixty honors and awards; in
16 1966, as Advisor of the National Conference of Artists, she
17 was invited to head a delegation to visit Russia; in 1980,
18 President Jimmy Carter honored her at the White House as one
19 of the "Ten Outstanding Black Artists in the country"; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Burrough is one of the most creative
21 pioneers in the Black cultural movement; and in her honor,
22 on March 8, 2003, a silent auction and book signing will be
23 held at Cliffbreakers Restaurant in Rockford; therefore, be
24 it

25 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
26 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
27 we thank Dr. Margaret Taylor Goss Burrough for all of her
28 hard work and dedication to the citizens of this State; and
29 be it further

30 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
31 presented to Dr. Margaret Burrough with our respect and
32 esteem.